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Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" The hon. Member requests that the question may be taken up to-morrow, as it relates to a very important subject, namely, minimum wages for agricultural labourers."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection."

Supply of electricity to Ottappalam, Malabar.

* 149 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for the extension of electricity to Ottappalam, Malabar, and the stage where it stands now?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" The proposal is under the consideration of the Government."

Fair rent for pepper gardens.

* 150 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memorandum regarding some grievances of the pepper growers of the West Coast in July 1952, and if so, what action has been taken?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" On 2nd August 1952, the Government received a memorandum on behalf of the pepper growers of Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, requesting that the fair rent for pepper gardens should be payable only once every ten years or, in the alternative, once every six years. The question of amending the Malabar Tenancy Act is engaging the attention of the Government and the question of reduction of the fair rent payable will receive consideration."

Supply of electricity to Bapatla Municipality.

* 151 Q.—Sri V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state when the Government propose to supply electricity to Bapatla Municipality?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" A proposal for extension of supply of electricity to Bapatla is under the consideration of the Government. The scheme if sanctioned, will be taken up in order, with reference to the funds available."

Sri V. SRI KRISHNA :—" బాపట్లకు విద్యుచ్ఛక్తి సరఫరా విషయంలో, తీగెలు వేసినప్పటికి, విద్యుచ్ఛక్తిని Agricultural College గోడల మధ్యనే పెట్టుకు కూర్చున్నారు. పట్టణానికి విద్యుచ్ఛక్తిని ఎప్పుడు ఇస్తారో తెలియజేస్తారా ? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have said already that the proposal is under consideration."